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SUBJECT: SAHARA DEVELOPMENTS

1. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH AND HIS FONMIN FLEW INTO MARRAKECH OCTOBER 13 FOR TALKS WITH KING. GOM AMBASSADOR TO NOUAKCHOTT MAHJOUBI ACCOMPANIED MAURITANIAN CHIEF OF STATE. JOINT COMMUNIQUE CHARACTERIZED DISCUSSIONS AS BEING WITHIN FRAME OF "PERIODIC DISCUSSIONS". TWO PARTIES CONGRATULATED ONE ANOTHER AT RESULTS OBTAINED SO FAR AND PROMISED TO FURTHER THEIR COOPERATION. COMMUNIQUE SAID
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DISCUSSIONS CONCERNED "EVOLUTION" OF SAHARA, ESPECIALLY ON

EVE OF ICJ/UNGA PROCESSES. WE KNOW THAT VISIT HAD BEEN PLANNED SINCE AT LEAST MIDDLE OF LAST WEEK, SO IT NOT AS QUICKLY ARRANGED AS FONMIN OULD MOUKNAS'S SEPT 21 VISIT.

2. ALGERIAN EMBASSY SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT FONMIN LARAKI BROUGHT BACK COPY OF FACT FINDING REPORT IN COURSE OF HIS UNANNOUNCED 30 SEPT RETURN HERE. SOURCE SAID CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT APPARENTLY RESULTED IN SOME "TENSION" IN GOM RANKS.

3. OPPOSITON STIRRINGS? WE CANNOT CORROBORATE SPANISH REPORTS (MADRID 7067) THAT OPPOSITION PARTIES PROMISING TO "LIBERATE" KING IF HE DOESN'T LIBERATE SAHARA. SPANISH EMBASSY SOURCES HERE HAVE MENTIONED SAME REPORTS TO US AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE SOME SUCH ISOLATED TALK. OPPOSITION, HOWEVER, IS CURRENTLY IN NO POSITION TO LIBERATE ANYONE, AND WHILE PARTIES HAVE PLACED CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND KING'S HANDLING OF ISSUE, SUCH DANGEROUS TALK WOULD RECEIVE QUICK AND FORCEFUL RESPONSE FROM GOM. IF MILITARY WERE CIRCULATING SUCH SLOGANS, WE WOULD BE INCLINED TO WEIGH THEM MORE SERIOUSLY. NONE OF THIS, HOWEVER, SHOULD LEAD ONE TO DISCOUNT INTERNAL PRESSURES ON KING TO SUCCEED.

4. PRESS PLAY. MUTED TONE CONTINUES IN PRESS, DUE IN PART TO RECENT MODERATION OF HIGH LEVEL STATEMENTS BUT ALSO IN EXPECTATION RELEASE OF ICJ ADVISORY OPINION OCT 16 AND UN FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE REPORT ABOUT SAME TIME. MUCH ADO ABOUT GROUP OF MOROCCAN ARMY OFFICERS FORMERLY IN SPANISH ARMY DURING PROTECTORATE TURNING IN THEIR DECORATIONS AND DIPLOMAS TO SPANISH AMBASSADOR HERE IN PROTEST SPANISH POLICY IN SAHARA. SPOKESMEN FOR GROUP RECEIVED BY KING. ISTIQLAL'S L'OPINION OCT 14 CRITICALLY REVIEWED RECENT CONTACTS BETWEEN PUNS AND F POLISARIO GROUPS IN AL AYOUN WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHMENT "DEMOCRATIC ISLAMIC REPUBLIC" IN SAHARA. ACCUSED SPAIN AND ALGERIA OF MANEUVERING IN COMMON AND MORE IN SADNESS THAN ANGER ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT WOULD BECOME OF MOROCCO IF IT FOUND ITSELF SURROUNDED WITH "REGIMES CARVED FROM THE SAME STONE". EDITORIAL IN SAME ISSUE CALLED ON ARAB LEAGUE MEETING NOW UNDERWAY ON CONFIDENTIAL

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LEBANON TO DEAL WITH SAHARA AND "ALGERIAN HOSTILITY" TO MOROCCAN CAUSE IF "SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY" ON MIDDLE EAST IS TO BE PRESERVED.

5. AUTHORITATIVE EDITOR OF SEMI-OFFICIAL MAROC-SOIR AHMED ALAOUI, IN OCT 14 EDITORIAL REVIEWED GOM'S SAHARA CAMPAIGN TO DATE. ARTICLE ATTACKED ALGERIA, SPAIN'S "UNEXPECTED ALLY", FOR ITS "UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT" TO SPANISH CAUSE. CALLED

THIS SUPPORT "TREASON" AND "A VERITABLE STAB IN THE BACK" TO MOROCCO. ALAOUI PRONOUNCED HIMSELF "OPTIMISTIC" AS TO OUTCOME OF ICJ PROCEEDINGS, CITING NUMBER OF GAINS FOR MOROCCO IN RECENT WEEKS. MOROCCAN/MAURITANIAN ENTENTE, HE PREDICTED, WILL PLAY BIG ROLE IN FUTURE AND HE SAID IT POSSIBLE TO TALK ABOUT ONE BIG MOROCCAN/MAURITANIAN WHOLE ("ENSEMBLE") OF WHICH SAHARA, RATHER THAN BEING OBSTACLE, WILL BE FIELD OF ACTIVITY FOR THEIR COOPERATION. EDITORIAL ALSO GLEEFUL ABOUT RESULTANT "ISOLATION OF SPAIN". ARGUED THAT COURT, BY DELAYING ITS FINDINGS UNTIL NOW, CANNOT DECLARE ITSELF INCOMPETENT. THE PROBLEM IS SERIOUS AND A THREAT TO THE PEACE, ARTICLE WARNED, SO IT UP TO COURT TO FULFILL ITS MORAL ROLE AS WELL AS ITS JURIDICIAL ROLE BY DEFUSING TENSION. HAVING BEEN "SHOWN" BY GOM THAT SAHARA WAS NOT TERRA NULLIUS, ICJ MUST NOW STIPULATE "SAHARA'S EXISTING TIES" (I.E., WITH MOROCCO).

6. COMMENT: MOROCCAN TACTICS ON EVE OF ICJ PRONOUNCEMENT SEEM SOMEWHAT UNDEFINED, AND IN ABSENCE OF CLEAR-CUT DEVELOPMENTS A WAIT-AND-SEE APPROACH COULD WELL PREVAIL AS MANEUVERING ON UNGA RESOLUTION PROCEEDS IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. ON OTHER HAND, ABRUPT DEVELOPMENTS HAVING UNFAVORABLE EFFECT ON GOM POSITION, SUCH AS NEGATIVE ICJ REPORT OR AL AYOUN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, WOULD FIND GOM HARD PRESSED TO REACT FORCEFULLY.
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